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[Despatch Abstract.]

Educational concessions to Christian Converts — Grants

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Secretary, Education:-

I would like to know the educational concessions by way of scholarships, supply of books, etc., which are allowed to the students of the Harijan and Indian Christian communities.

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H.M. (FOOD.)

Education Dept. (D)

H.M. (Food) desires to have information regarding scholarships, supply of books etc., which are allowed to students of the Harijan and Indian Christian communities. Presumably he would desire information regarding Harijan converts to Christianity also. The required information is furnished below:-

1. HARIJAN (HINDU)

(a) Educational concessions: Pupils belonging to this community are granted full fee concessions in all classes in all educational institutions. These concessions are granted to pupils whose parents are in receipt of an annual income of Rs. 1,200/- in the case of students in High School classes and Rs. 1,500/- in the case of students in college classes.

(b) Scholarships: Several scholarships both residential as well as non-residential are granted to the pupils belonging to the Harijan communities in the Rural Welfare Dept. That Dept. may be requested to specify the number and value of such scholarships.

(c) Supply of books: Local bodies have been permitted to supply books free to poor Harijan pupils studying in their institutions and debit the cost to Elementary Education Funds under them. In addition, R.W. Dept. also has issued orders for the supply of books to the Harijan pupils. That Dept. may be requested to specify such orders.

2. INDIAN CHRISTIANS: Educational concessions, scholarships and supply of books.

Pupils belonging to this community are granted neither educational concessions nor scholarships nor are they supplied with books free.

3. HARIJAN CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY.

Educational concessions: Harijan converts to Christianity, both boys and girls are eligible for all the educational concessions granted to Harijan Hindu pupils in colleges. In elementary schools and Middle schools (upto III Form) Harijan girls are also eligible for all the full fee concessions like Hindu Harijan girls. But boys belonging to Harijan community converts to Christianity in secondary schools are eligible only for half fee concessions though full fee concessions have been extended recently to Hindu Harijan pupils in such schools. This distinction has been made on account of the fact that while fee concessions to Harijan pupils is generally met from the general funds, the concessions newly extended to Hindu Harijan pupils in secondary schools has been ordered to be met from the earmarked Harijan Welfare Fund. But local bodies have been

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permitted to grant full fee concessions to Harijan converts in Secondary schools also at their discretion, provided the additional expenditure is met from their own funds.

The questions of granting full fee concessions to pupils of Harijan community converted to Christianity in Secondary School classes also from the Harijan Welfare Fund is separately under consideration.

The file may be sent to the Rural Welfare Department with reference to points 1(b) and 1(c) at page 1 ante.

(Sd.) xxxxxxxxxxx
Secry. to Govt.

Rural Welfare Department.(IV)

Please see the minutes of H.M., Ø (Food) and the notes o f Education Deptt. on pp. 1-2 above.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HARIJANS AND CONVERTS: The notifications relating to scholarships granted to Harijans and Harijan converts by the Harijan Welfare Deptt. are put up at flag (M). Copy of the Director's letter which gives briefly the particulars of concessions enjoyed by the Harijan and converts are given in a comparative statement at p. 1 of (M)

SUPPLY OFBOOKS. The Harijan Welfare Deptt. sanctions non-recurring scholarships to students reading in classes I to III in recongnised schools and to the pupils studying in Teachers Training class for the purchase of books and clothing.

Non residential scholarships, covering the cost of books, note-books, special fees, if nay, are sanctioned to the pupils reading in classes IV and above Please see the particulars in Notification I of the H.W.Deptt.

With regard to portion 'A' on p. 2 above, it may be pointed out that it has been ordered that the expenditure from Harijan Uplift Fund should be limited to those Harijans who profess Hinduism, but that the expenditure in respect of converts should be met from the general revenues. The Harijan converts are given the same concessions as the Hindus, except for a slight difference, as given in the statement at page 1 of (M) and the expenditure on their account is met from the general revenues. Even now, the fees on account of the converts is borned by the H.W.Deptt. and is debited to General revenues under "47.-Miscellaneous". Pleas see the separate provision for converts in the B.E. - p. ~~296~~ 296 of the B.E. for 50-51. There is not such proposal as stated at 'A' on p. 2 above.

With the above remarks, the case may be returned to Education Deptt.

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Please put up the file in which we had examined the relative concessions granted to the Harijans and their converts and ordered to be over pending a decision on the question of including the converts as a separate class under Backward Class.

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(orders of A.S. overleaf)

The file referred to by the A.S. on page 1 ante, is linked below:-

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The question referred to by Education at A on page 2 ante has been raised, the file linked below. No decision has, however, been taken as the question as separate question of including Harijan Converts among the Backward Classes is under consideration.

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Secretary to Government.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (D)

The file may now be circulated to H.M. (E & L) & H.M. (Food

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H.M (FOOD)

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H.M. (E&L)

I would like to see the file before orders are issued on the question referred to at 'B' above.

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Secretary to Govt.

With reference to the minute of H.M. (Food) on page 4 ante this may be sent to R.W. ~~W.O.~~ The file referred to by U.O. H.M. (Food) is submitted as linked file II.

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Please see H.M. (Food)'s minute at the bottom of page 4 ante. The connected file referred to at 'B' at p. 4 ante is linked as L.F.I. This may now be ~~recinulated~~ circulated to H.M. (Food) for perusal of the orders in circulation at p. 26 N.F. and the draft order in LF.I.

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H.M. (FDOD)

RURAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

With reference to the minute of the H.M. (Food) at the bottom of p. 4 above, the file was sent to this Dept. by Education and was circulated to H.M. (Food). This may now be returned to Education Dept. along with the L.F.

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Secry. to Govt.

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No further action seems called for on this file.

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For orders ~~xx~~ whether the papers may be recorded.

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Secretary to Government.

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